

CERTIFICATE
ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE PLAN
OF GOVERNMENT
FOR
THE CITY OF BAKER

If retained by the voters, the government of the City of Baker shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-203: Revised Codes of Montana, 1947. Commission-executive form.

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(4) The plan of government shall authorize general government powers. The issue of self-government or general powers will be left to the voters to be decided upon.

47A-3-203. Mayor-Council form.

(1) The mayor-council form (which may be called the "council-executive," the "council-mayor," or the commission-mayor" form) consists of an elected commission (which may be referred to as the "council") and one elected executive (who may be referred to as the "mayor") who is elected at large.

(2) The executive shall:

(a) enforce laws, ordinances, and resolutions;

(b) perform duties required of him by law, ordinance, or

resolution;

- (c) administer affairs of the local government;
- (d) carry out policies established by the council;
- (e) recommend measures to the council;
- (f) report to the council on the affairs and financial condition of the local government;
- (g) execute bonds, notes, contracts, and written obligations of the council, subject to the approval of the council;
- (h) report to the council as the council may require;
- (i) attend council meeting and may take part in discussions;
- (j) execute the budget adopted by the council;
- (k) appoint, with the consent of the council, all members of boards; except, the executive may appoint without the consent of the council temporary advisory committees established by the executive.

(3) The plan of government shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the items listed below:

- (a) The executive may appoint one or more administrative assistants to assist in the supervision and operation of the local government. Such administrative assistants shall be answerable solely to the executive.
- (b) The executive may appoint, with the consent of a majority of the council, all department heads. The executive may remove department heads and may appoint and remove all other department employees.
- (c) The executive may veto ordinances and resolutions subject to override by a two-thirds vote of the council.
- (d) The executive may prepare the budget in consultation with the council and department heads.
- (e) The executive may exercise control and supervision of all departments and boards to the degree authorized by ordinance of the council.
- (f) A financial officer (who may be called the "treasurer" shall be appointed.
- (g) The council shall be elected by a combination of districts in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population and at large.

(h) Local government elections shall be conducted on a non-partisan basis as provided in this title.

(i) The council shall have a chairman who shall be elected by the members of the council from their own number for a term established by ordinance.

(j) The presiding officer of the council shall be the executive who shall decide all the tie votes of the council, but shall have no other vote. The chairman of the council shall preside if the executive is absent.

(k) Council members shall be elected for overlapping terms of office.

(l) The size of the commission shall be 5 members, 2 to be elected from each of 2 wards, one at large, and community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

(m) The term of office of elected officials shall be four (4) years.

(4) The plan of government shall authorize general government powers. The issue of self-government or general powers will be left to the voters to be decided upon.

We, the Study Commissioners of the City of Baker, do hereby certify that this is the Proposed Plan of Government approved by the Study Commissioners of the City of Baker.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Baker, Mt. this 29 day of July, 1976.

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